

Good Nevves for all Parties:

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KING CHARLES

His Gracious Pardon, in Answer to the humble Request of a person of quality, and a Member of the honourable City of LONDON, who went to his MAJESTY to attain the same; As it was sent in a Letter by the said person of Note from BREDA, to his Friend in the City.

SIR,

IT was by your advice I made a voyage into these parts, which hath proved so successful to me, that I shall be ever bound to believe it the occasion of spending the best time, and money, since I was born; and the best Counsel I ever listned unto. I have found all your expressions so short to encourage me to the undertaking this journey, That you did but hold a Candle to the Sun; But as I am fill'd with admiration, so, with thanks for your good wishes. When I came to *Bruxells*, I applyed my self to those honourable persons you advised me, whose reception of me was a very good second to what you told me, and being upon no other account then an *Englishman*, (as they knew) made me admire their Civility, as if I had been their brother.

By this time I was prepared to beg their assistance, that I might obtain the favour to kisse his *Royal Majesties* Hand; the time being appointed, I did attend the Lord Chancellour, but then his *Majesties* sudden removal to *Breda*, and other business intervening, I was disappointed. The Lord Chancellor sent for me, and wished me to go before to *Breda*, for there would be so much company when the *KING* went, that it would be more troublesome unto me, whose advice I took, and lodged my self near the Castle, where his *Majesty* now lyes. After two dayes, I had admission to the best of Temporall *KINGS*, (I flatter not) who presently commanded all to withdraw; upon my knees I humbly beg'd his *Majesties* pardon, for I had been a great offender, and could no way excuse my self, or secure my self, without the assurance of his *Majesties* favour, and some other the most cordially penitent expressions I could use; His *Majesty* immediatly gave me his hand to kisse, and took me by the hand to lift me up as if I were an Object of His Pitty. I told his *Royal Majesty*, my deservings rendered me rather an Object of His Justice, then his Mercy.

Sir, Replyed the *KING*, *My courtesie shall leave nothing for my courage to perform, since our lives are momentary, it is no reason our passions should be immortal, or that men should glut themselves with revenge, whereof God hath forbidden the use, as the excess, nor shall my Passions so transport me, but that I will allwaies remain in the power of Religion, and enlarge and enlarge the bounds of charity.* And aded with so much Mercy and Majesty, *That no subject should be more ready to acknowledge their crime, then he to forgive; and very sensible he was (even to a compassion) how many have been transported with the specious pretences of some few persons, and those few persons were driven to such violences, and exorbitant actions, by the sweetness which they sucked from the roots and branches of other mens Estates; and yet he doubted not, but the face of the State will shortly resume the same beauty it formerly had, and that God with a full hand will poure his graces upon so just a Government, and as it was his desire, so should be his constant endeavour, to place his Throne upon the love of his Subjects, and his Subjects to place their happyness in the Wisdom of their Representatives, and the Legal Rule and Sovereignty of their Prince.* And moreover the *KING* told me, *He would not believe he had one enemy now in England, nor could imagine any one would be so much in love with himself, or so obstinate in his opinion, as not to confess his fondness, by the only reading the Map of our miseries, in the Crimson Characters of the blood of our nearest and dearest relations.*

My Joy is over Just to be concealed I assure you, what heretofore others have called Vertue, is the natural habitude of this great Prince, and in those places which have been appointed for afflictions and calamities, He, with his Royal Brothers have received flowers, and Crowns, and in the small observation I have made I never beheld such Humility in Majesty, such Devotion, and attention, in the Publick service of God, it is so exemplary that it is sufficient without word or blow to convince the worst of His Enemies that neither He nor either of the Dukes have swerved in the least from the true Protestant Religion, who hath wrought such a Reformation through the whole Court that neither among Nobility or Gentry, there is drinking to a distemper, no swearing, and damning no deboistness, but on the contrary, so sober, and discreet, so civil, and courteous, so full of Humanity that (when some did know I had been an ignorant offender as thousands have been) yet treated me with so much friendship, and so free in our discourses, and not a word of gall against any party whatsoever, but did heartily pray that God would open the Peoples eyes that they might see the good they have so long neglected they doubted not of their zeal to embrace it, pardon my digression, some Messenger came to the King from the States at the *Hague*, so I had my dismissal, with command to attend his Majesty before I went for *England*, Sir it is not any particular affection I bear to your person inviterh me to this allowance but Truth it self carrying with it such a Prerogative, that it compelleth all who have their eyes, and their understanding placed upon the right object) to represent them without disguise, and for any of a contrary conceit, time will inform them better when they shall be better acquainted with this their Sovereign King, more by conversation then by name, at our next meeting I will more particularly give you and the world an account of the hours I shall spend here you may expect an account of my second admission to His most gracious Majesty, I should have been more large in this, but I fear the haste of the Post, and have no more leisure then to assure you that I am more then any man living,

Breda. April 23th. S. N.
1660.

Your Most humble Faithfull
Servant, M. B.